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1. The "Lenin" PW camp near Dnepropetrovsk produces steel pipes (Mannesman process) for gas conduits.
2. PWs are employed in the Krasna Vardin (sic) coal pit, about 38 kms. from Krivoi Rog (Ukraine).

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3. The Sverdlovsk steel plant is operating in three shifts with a complement of about 4,000 workers, consisting of Russian civilians (mostly women) and German PWs (mostly specialists). The plant produces T-34 tanks.

Comment: [redacted] the construction of a tank factory at Sverdlovsk.)

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4. New steel works are being built in the vicinity of Leningrad, in accordance with the Five Year Plan. While the two large steel works near Leningrad---the Putilov and the Obuchov plants---were supplied with iron ore from wide-spread regions, the new plants will receive their ore supplies from the Kola Peninsula. Coal for the new plants will be brought from the deposits in the Pechora area.

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5. Steel production in the USSR has sunk to a very low level. The production peak of 22 to 23 million tons reached during the war has decreased to 16 to 11 million tons. The quality also has deteriorated. Production of Quality I, used for axles, rails, shafts, and top quality armor plate, decreased to below 10% (sic) in June 1946.

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6. There is hardly any industry in the Yelabuga section (55°45'N, 52°5'E, Tatar ASSR). At Bonyuna, 30 kms. east of Yelabuga, there is a large neglected chemical plant.

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7. The region of Krasnolutsk, about 75 kms. southeast of Stalino ( $47^{\circ}58'N$ ,  $37^{\circ}45'E$ ), is almost entirely a coal mining region (anthracite). In Krasnolutsk itself, only one of the five mines was workable by the summer of 1946. Reconstruction is being carried out by German PWs. In the Stalino region, only eight of thirty-five mines were functioning.

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8. [redacted] the Donetz region is not yet working at full pace but that the Russians will be working for some time on the repairing of industrial plants. [redacted] further that the dismantled industrial plants which were shipped to Russia from Germany were suffering from a lack of skilled technicians to assemble them and thus for the most part were still standing at unloading stations and depots and going to ruin.

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